Supply of defective Sukhoi 30 MKI spares

†149. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a case of supply of defective spare parts to India for Sukhoi MKI Planes being build under joint collaboration of India and Russia by the Russian ordnance factories, have come to the notice of Government;

(b) if so, whether quality of military equipments is checked at the time of its import;

(c) if so, the agency which carried out such quality check and the quantity of material rejected due to not matching the quality;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (e) As per the general contract with Rosoboronexport of Russia, 140 SU-30 MKI aircraft is planned for licence manufacture at Hindustan Aeronautics Limited in different phases and the delivery is to commence from 2004-2005. The production of the aircraft has not begun. Supply of spare parts for SU-30 MKI aircraft at this stage, therefore, does not arise.

Trials of Kaveri engine for LCA

†150. SHRI NANDIYELLAIAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether "Kaveri" engine of Light Combat Aircraft built with indigenous technology has been sent to Russia for final trial;

(b) if so, whether Government have received its trial report;

(c) if so, the outcome of the said report; and

(d) if not, by when the said report is likely to be received?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Kaveri engine has completed its preliminary tests at Gas Turbine Research Establishment, Bangalore. It has been planned to send the engine to Russia for altitude testing by end December 2002.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Expenditure incurred in deployment and withdrawal of troops from border

151. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of expenditure incurred by Government on the deployment of forces along the Indo-Pak Border and their subsequent withdrawal;

(b) the amount of compensation paid to the people whose normal life has been affected by such deployment;

(c) whether any incident arising out of stress related syndrome affected the forces in course of the deployment, as have been reported in the press;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether any review of the experience in security terms is being made by Government of the deployment and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) the expenditure can be assessed only after the redeployment is complete.

(b) The amount of compensation paid/being paid to concerned States for farmers whose crops were adversely affected by deployment, and land or buildings which were acquired/rented, etc, is approximately Rs. 300 crores.

(c) and (d) No incident among the forces arising out of stress related syndrome in course of their deployment has been reported to the Army Head Quarters.

(e) The Government have decided to carry out strategic relocation of troops without compromising the capacity to respond decisively to any emergency, and without lowering of vigil in Jammu and Kashmir.